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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 147 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/57/643.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 46th, 47th, 48th and 56th meetings, on 5, 7 and 8 May and 4 June 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.46, 47, 48 and 56).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 July 2002 (A/57/684);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 and budget for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/57/723);

(c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/772 and A/57/773).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.95

4. At the 56th meeting, on 4 June, the representative of Nicaragua, coordinator of the informal consultations on the item, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (A/C.5/57/L.95).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.95 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002,[1] his report on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1423 (2002) of 12 July 2002, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 December 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1437 (2002) of 11 October 2002, in which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue to monitor the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula until 15 December 2002,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 57/559 of 20 December 2002,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

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[1] A/57/684.

[2] A/57/723.

[3] A/57/772 and A/57/773.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as at 31 March 2003, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 59 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* about the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;[1]

8. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 15,020,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002, in accordance with the levels set out in its resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 57/290 of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2002, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

9. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 15,020,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Further decides* that the increase of 1,092,400 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002 shall be added to the credit from the amount referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, and

[4] A/57/773.

that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

11. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".